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SUBJECT: MORGAN ABDUCTION

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- 1. ARMA COLONEL BREMER MET WITH COLONEL DAHDAH AT 1145 HOURS LOCAL TODAY, JULY 10, FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES TO DISCUSS MORGAN CASE. DAHDAH CONTINUES TO BE OPTIMISTIC BUT ALLEGEDLY HAS NO REPEAT NO NEW INFO OF ANY IMPORTANCE.
- 2. IN RESPONSE TO BERMER'S INQUIRY DAHDAH STATED THE ONLY REPORT HE HAD RECEIVED SO FAR TODAY REGARDING MORGAN WAS FROM INFORMANT IN REJECTIONIST FRONT WHO STATES THAT REJECTIONIST FRONT MEETING TODAY AND PROBABLY WELL ON INTO NIGHT TO DISCUSS PLO COMMUNIQUE OF LAST NIGHT AND EMBTEL 8716. BREMER INQUIRED HOW REJECTIONIST FRONT COULD ACT SO RAPIDLY ON PLO COMMUNIQUE AND DAHDAH RESPONDED THAT PLO COMMUNIQUE HAD BEEN CIRCULATED AMONG PALESTINIAN GROUPS FOR 48 HOURS PRIOR TO ITS PUBLICATION. DAHDAH IS CONSECRET

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VINCED THAT MORGAN WAS NOT REPEAT NOT KILLED LAST

EVENING, FOR HAD THIS BEEN THE CASE HE WOULD HAVE HAD THE BODY BY NOW. HE BELIEVES THAT TODAY, TOMORROW OR POSSIBLY THROUGH TOMORROW IS A CASE OF NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS. PALESTINIANS IN GENERAL WILL BE POLITICKING OVER PLO COMMUNIQUE AT LEAST TODAY, POSSIBLY TONIGHT AND POSSIBLY TOMORROW. DHDAH'S BEST GUESS ESTIMATE IS THAT MORGAN SHOULD BE RELEASED SATURDAY, JULY 12 -- LET'S HOPE HE'S RIGHT.

3. NOTWITHSTANDING NUMEROUS PRESS REPORTS TO THE CONTRARY, WE HAVE NO REPEAT NO INFORMATION RE ANY ADDITIONAL RANSOM DEMANDS. GODLEY

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